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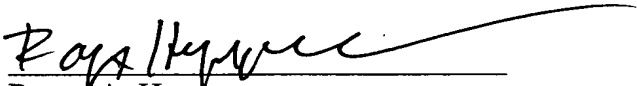
Title: COMMUNICATION BUS  
SUITABLE FOR USE IN A  
HAZARDOUS AREA OF A  
PROCESS PLANT

Group Art Unit: 2836

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 19, 2005**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October. 19, 2005, Applicants respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following comments as set forth below. The claims have not been amended.

**A Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.